

“NMCB-4 TURNS AND BURNS IN ANDROS”

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Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR (NMCB 4) sent a small Seabee Detail to Andros Island. With one month under this detail's belt, all departments are hitting their stride. The mechanics are busy completing the first series of Preventive Maintenance (PM) on the details equipment. CM3 Dennis Abell and CM3 Jerry Mayberry are constantly covered in grease. CM3 Mayberry, who is enjoying his first deployment, said, "I'm definitely grateful for the opportunity to be on a Det and am learning a lot." Not to be outdone by her fellow shop mates is SK3 Amethyst Hunt. She has been doing a lot to stay on track of all the Details materials. By the end of the deployment she should be able to identify every piece of material required to complete a project. Unlike the first week when she said, "I don't know the difference between a ¾ inch union and a ½ elbow". The electricians are too busy to be busy. They have completely traced and retraced every line in the 10 room barracks the detail is building. CE3 Ray Tinoco and CE3 Reiven Atienza have been in the attic so long they forgot what sunlight is. CE2 Edna Cordero said, this is definitely the best project I have been on for electrical. Not to be outdone by anyone is the Builders. They have completed over 14,000 square feet of drywall to be primed and painted. Constantly covered in drywall dust, in the morning they have fresh uniforms on and by lunch time it looks like they have winter cammies on. The project Crew Leader, BU2 Jeremy Harman says, "This is the worst part of being a Builder, but once this is done we can move on to tile and cabinets". Overall the Detail is

working hard on all projects and shop tasking, and as the Detail OIC, SWC Keith Jackson says, "A busy Seabee is a happy Seabee, so start getting Happy".

Not all of our time has been devoted to work. The Det did have time to do something for the Halloween festivities here. We did face painting at a birthday party, gave hay rides to some of the local children and to cap it off the Detail sponsored a "Haunted Forest". There were over 150 kids and adults that walked through the forest and got the scare of their lives compliments of the Det Andros Seabees. Until next time, keep us in your thoughts and prayers as you are in ours.